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## **The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine Expresses Gratitude to Susan Sienko, PhD for Serving on the AACPDM Board of Directors**

*The AACPDM Board of Directors wishes to thank former AACPDM President and Board of Directors member, Susan Sienko, Ph.D. for her service to the Academy.*

**Milwaukee, WI., September 01, 2023** - The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) expresses gratitude to Susan Sienko, PhD for her service to the Academy as Board of Director and Past President (2020-21).

Lesley Pritchard, PT, PhD, AACPDM President (2022-23) states, "Susan's extensive clinical and research knowledge, her dedication to the AACPDM and her commitment to assisting families and children is evident in all of her Academy contributions."

Dr. Sienko is an Associate Investigator at The Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland, Oregon. Prior to that she was the manager of the Motion Analysis Laboratory at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL. Dr. Sienko's research interests focus on the utilization of gait analysis, energy efficiency, functional assessments, and parent-report outcome tools to examine the efficacy of treatment interventions provided to children with childhood onset disabilities. Her dissertation focused on the factors that impact the health and well-being of young adults with cerebral palsy as they transition from the pediatric to adult health care system.

"It has been a great pleasure serving the AACPDM over the years in varying capacities. I believe in the mission and vision of the Academy and will continue to be an active member," stated Dr. Sienko upon reflecting on her involvement in AACPDM.

Dr. Sienko has been a member of AACPDM since 1987. She has served the Academy as member of the Research and Awards Committee (1991-1993), Gait Analysis Subcommittee (1992-1995), Scientific Program Committee (1997, 1998, 2016), Instructional Course Chairperson (1999), Nominating Committee (2001-2002), Membership Committee (2002-2005), Board of Directors (2004-2007), Webmaster (2007-2016), Scientific Program Co-Chair (2016-2017) and the Communication Committee (2015-2018). In collaboration with AACPDM, Dr. Sienko participated in the NINDS Cerebral Palsy CDE Working Group as the lead of the Engagement and Quality of Life subgroup (2015-2017).

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## ABOUT AACPDM:

The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AACPDM) is a group of more than 1,100 healthcare professionals committed to improving the health and quality of life for individuals with cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset disabilities. What sets AACPDM apart is the collaborative approach of its members, who work together to create a global network that delivers the best possible outcomes for patients. Among our members are pediatricians, neurologists, surgeons, physiatrists, therapists, nurses, special educators, engineers, and scientists.

The mission of the AACPDM is:

Empowering and supporting a collaborative multidisciplinary community that

- provides accessible and robust scientific education for health professionals and researchers
- fosters innovative research as well as its dissemination and implementation
- advocates for equitable access to evidence based and patient centered care

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